

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Kevin Sowers, President
Johns Hopkins Health System

January 6, 2021
Date

Lisa Ishii, M.D.
Senior Vice President of Operations
Johns Hopkins Health System

RE: Johns Hopkins Surgery Center Series
Establishment of One Additional Operating
Room at Green Spring Station Surgery Center
10803 Falls Road, Suite 3100
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

EM-MISC21-03-001
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Johns Hopkins Surgery Center Series (JHSCS) to establish for temporary use one additional operating room (OR) at Green Spring Station Surgery Center (GSSSC), 10803 Falls Road, Suite 3100, Lutherville, Maryland (the Site). On September 20, 2016, the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) a Certificate of Need (Docket No. 15-03-2369) to JHSCS to establish a five-OR ambulatory surgical facility (ASF) at the Site, and build shell space for a sixth OR, which JHSCS could not complete without returning to the MHCC. JHSCS states that temporary activation of the shelled OR at GSSSC will allow The Johns Hopkins Hospital (JHH) to shift approximately 25-30 surgeries per week to GSSSC, thereby reducing “the postponement of time-sensitive surgical procedures that can be safely performed in an ambulatory setting.” JHSCS estimates that the cost of equipping the operating room on a temporary basis is approximately \$200,000 and that the OR can be ready on January 11, 2021.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of JHSCS, suitably detailed information provided by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) and others, and consultation with the Chairman of the Maryland Health Care Commission, Ben Steffen, MHCC Executive Director, determined that the postponement of time-sensitive surgeries as a result of increasing hospitalization of COVID-19 positive patients at JHH presents a hazard to patients and/or employees, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20A.

Therefore, it is, on January 6, 2021, ordered by the Executive Director that an Emergency Certificate of Need issue for the project. It is further ordered that the requirement in COMAR 10.24.01.20C that JHSCS file an application for Certificate of Need for the inpatient beds established in this Emergency Certificate of Need is suspended by the Executive Director pursuant

to COMAR 10.24.01.10A(2) until at least 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency initially declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020.

Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health regarding an additional temporary operating room at the Site.

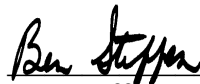
Further Action

This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its next scheduled meeting on January 21, 2021 or at an earlier date of which the hospital is notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains in effect for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20C, or until 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency initially declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. The Emergency CON may be extended beyond that date for good cause shown.

CONDITION OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Because it is important that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Health Care Quality know when the operating room approved in this Emergency Certificate of Need becomes available, it is further ORDERED that JHSCS shall advise Commission staff and OHCQ staff at first use of the temporary sixth operating room at the Site.

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION



Ben Steffen
Executive Director

cc: Dennis Schrader, Acting Secretary of Health
Renee Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs, Office of Health Care Quality
Katie Wunderlich, Executive Director, HSCRC
Gregory Wm. Branch, M.D., Health Officer, Baltimore County